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U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., July 21, 2006 -- All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago. The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

State level data for July has been discontinued.

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